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7. (Amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with a program for execution on a computer system including a host computer, a storage device storing data for the host computer, and at least one computer-readable backup storage medium storing backup data copied from the storage device, the program, when executed on the computer system, performs a method of duplicating at least some of the backup data stored on the backup storage medium, the method comprising a step of:

- (A) copying only a subset of the backup data from the at least one backup storage medium onto at least one computer-readable duplicate backup storage medium as duplicate backup data so that the duplicate backup storage medium is not an exact duplicate of the at least one backup storage medium.

13. (Amended) A backup server for use in a computer system including a host computer, a storage device storing data for the host computer, and at least one computer-readable backup storage medium storing backup data copied from the storage device, the backup server comprising:

a controller to control duplication of the backup data, the controller being adapted to copy only a subset of the backup data from the at least one backup storage medium onto at least one computer-readable duplicate backup storage medium as duplicate backup data, so that the duplicate backup storage medium is not an exact duplicate of the at least one backup storage medium.

REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 18, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. To further the prosecution of the present application, amendments have been made in the claims. The application as presented is believed to be in allowable condition.

Initially, the undersigned thanks Examiner Thai for his courtesy in granting and conducting a telephone interview on May 6, 2003. The substance of the telephone discussion is summarized below.